

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:**1. (canceled)**

2. (currently amended) A reception data synchronizing apparatus for obtaining synchronization ~~a synchronization to be obtained~~ between reception data having a plurality of synchronism patterns ~~pattern for a synchronism to be obtained~~ and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, comprising:

a synchronism pattern detecting timing recording means for recording a first synchronism pattern detecting timing at which ~~the synchronism pattern~~ a first of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected in the reception data;

a collation and synchronism decision means for collating the reception data with ~~reference data~~ the expectation data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the expectation data according to the first synchronism timing ~~reference data~~; and

wherein the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording means ~~a timing generating means-operative~~, when the collation and synchronism decision means gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, records a second synchronism timing as the first synchronism timing, and

wherein said second synchronism timing is a timing at which a second of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected ~~for a match between the synchronism pattern detecting timing recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording means, as a subsequent one, and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data.~~

3. (currently amended): The ~~[[A]]~~ reception data synchronizing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein ~~the timing generating means transmits~~ a predetermined reference timing signal is transmitted~~[[,]]~~ and the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording means records the

reference timing signal when the synchronism pattern is detected, as the synchronism pattern detecting timing.

4-6 (canceled).

7. (currently amended): A reception data synchronizing method for obtaining ~~to be obtained~~ [[a]] synchronization ~~between reception data having a plurality of synchronism patterns~~ pattern for a synchronism to be obtained and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, comprising:

a synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step for recording a synchronism pattern detecting timing at which a first of the plurality of synchronism patterns ~~the synchronism pattern~~ is detected in the reception data;

a collation and synchronism decision step for collating the reception data with ~~reference data~~ the expectation data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with ~~the reference data~~ the expectation data according to the first synchronism timing and; and

wherein the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step ~~a timing generating step~~ operative, when the collation and synchronism decision step gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, records a second synchronism timing as the first synchronism timing, and ~~for a match between the synchronism pattern detecting timing recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step, as a subsequent one, and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data~~

wherein said second synchronism timing is a timing at which a second of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected.

8. (currently amended): The ~~The~~ [[A]] reception data synchronizing method according to claim 7, wherein ~~the timing generating step transmits a predetermined reference timing signal is~~ transmitted ~~[[,]]~~ and the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step records the reference timing signal when the synchronism pattern is detected, as the synchronism pattern detecting timing.

9-11 (canceled).

12. (currently amended) A computer- readable medium embodying a program of instructions for execution by the computer to perform a reception data synchronizing method for ~~a synchronization to be obtained~~ obtaining synchronization between reception data having a plurality of synchronism patterns ~~pattern for a synchronism to be obtained~~ and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, comprising:

a synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step for recording a synchronism pattern detecting timing at which ~~the synchronism pattern~~ a first of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected in the reception data;

a collation and synchronism decision step for collating the reception data with the expectation [[reference] data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the expectation data according to the first synchronism timing ~~reference data; and~~

wherein the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step, a timing generating step ~~operative~~, when the collation and synchronism decision step gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, records a second synchronism timing as the first synchronism timing, and ~~for a match between the synchronism pattern detecting timing recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step, as a subsequent one, and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data~~

wherein said second synchronism timing is a timing at which a second of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected.

13. (currently amended): The [[A]] computer-readable medium according to claim 12, wherein a predetermined reference timing signal is transmitted, ~~the timing generating step transmits a predetermined reference timing signal,~~ and the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step records the reference timing signal when the synchronism pattern is detected, as the synchronism pattern detecting timing.

14-16 (canceled).

17. (currently amended): A reception data synchronizing apparatus for ~~[[a]] obtaining~~ synchronization ~~to be obtained~~ between reception data having a plurality of synchronism patterns ~~pattern for a synchronism to be obtained~~ and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, comprising:

a synchronism pattern detecting timing recording device that records a first synchronism pattern detecting timing at which the synchronism pattern a first of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected in the reception data;

a collation and synchronism decision device that collates the reception data with ~~[[reference]]~~ the expectation data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the expectation data according to the first synchronism timing, the reference data; and

wherein the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording device a timing generating device-operative, when the collation and synchronism decision device gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, records a second synchronism timing as the first synchronism timing, and ~~for a match between the synchronism pattern detecting timing recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording device, as a subsequent one, and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data~~

wherein said second synchronism timing is a timing at which a second of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected.

18 (currently amended): The ~~[[A]]~~ reception data synchronizing apparatus according to claim ~~[[2]]~~ 17, wherein ~~the timing generating device transmits~~ a predetermined reference timing signal is transmitted, and the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording device records the reference timing signal when the synchronism pattern is detected, as the synchronism pattern detecting timing.

19-20 (canceled).